

Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25.

THE LAST HOURS OF TOM MARSHALL—A friend informed him, says a Louisville paper, he must soon die, and asked some questions looking to a preparation for another world. He promptly stopped him and said: "No, sir—no, sir; I do not wish to pray; I have failed in all that I have seriously attempted or desired while in it. I shall make no arrangements for my departure nor for another existence. If God has managed the matter so far I shall permit him to continue it as best pleases him." He dismissed the subject and referred to it no more.

After remaining silent for some time, as if musing, he said: "Well, well; this is the end, Tom Marshall is dying, not having a suit of clothes in which to be buried; dying on a borrowed bed, covered with a borrowed sheet, and in a borrowed bath by charity. Well, well, it is as it should be. After an hour more he looked through the open window, and calling the attention of those around him to a solitary tree, standing in the middle of a large open pasture said: "When I am dead, bury me beneath that tree in the middle of the field; I have been crowded all my life and do not wish to be crowded in death." He said to move, but after a time he justly ceased to breathe. He was placed beneath the tree, but no stone or mark tells the passing traveler who rest below.

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